

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
Satoshi KADOTANI et al.)	Group Art Unit: 1753
Application No.: 10/588,150)	Examiner: Not Yet Assigned
Filed: August 1, 2006)	
For: Method and Apparatus for Forming)	Confirmation No.: 5046
Catalyst Layer on Substrate)	
Constituting Membrane Electrode)	
Assembly)	

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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R.
§ 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents on the attached listing. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Copies of the listed foreign and non-patent literature documents are attached. Copies of the U.S. patent publications are not enclosed. Each document listed on the attached IDS PTO-SB-08 was cited in a communication in a counterpart Patent Cooperation Treaty application.

1. DE 102 43 100 A1 - Applicant believes this patent is related to US Patent Application No. US 2003/0054225A1, cited on the attached Form PTO/SB/08.

2. WO 00/26982 has an English abstract and is also accompanied by a machine translation of the specification. Accuracy of the machine translation has not been verified.

3. The German Official Letter is accompanied by an English translation.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that each or all of the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claim in the application and applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, applicants reserve the right to present to the office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such documents.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should one or more of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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